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(c) As on 31st March 1962, 49 farms located in 16 centres had not yielded economic returns. 38 of these farms were located on Government waste lands which required reclamation and provision of irrigation and drainage facilities. In respect of the remaining 11 farms located on requisitioned lands, the uneconomic return was due to adverse seasonal conditions.

(d) Yes, 76 State Seed Farms are proposed to be opened in Third Plan period.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, may I know how many closed seed farms have been re-opened?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I have no information with me, Sir.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Sir, lands were acquired and also taken on lease for seed farms. May I know the figures of the acreage for each ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Lands were acquired for 42 farms. 732.85 acres wet lands, 210.21 acres dry lands, and 110.75 acres garden lands were acquired for these 42 farms. 48 farms are on poramboke lands. The acreage of these farms is, 307.01 acres wet lands, 1,107.63 acres dry lands, and 59.18 acres garden lands. Lands for 41 farms were requisitioned. The acreage is, 624.22 wet lands, 341.82 acres dry lands, and 70.25 acres garden lands.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Are the Government satisfied that the lands taken on lease for seed farms are cultivated and working properly? Or is there any difficulty?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Some of them are not worked properly. So, we have to leave them out.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether the seed farms are closed because there is loss in one year or there have been losses successively for a number of years?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : After watching the results for one or two years, they are closed.

### *Loans to Harijans*

88. *Q.*— DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the kinds of loans granted to Harijans for agricultural purposes ; and

(b) the criteria on which loans are granted to Harijans?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) *and* (b) No loans are granted exclusively to Harijans for agricultural purposes. Loans are granted to agriculturists under the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agricultural Loans Act, subject to the terms and conditions laid down for the purpose. These loans ar eknown as Takkavi loans and, like all other agriculturists, the Harijans are also eligible for

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all kinds of Takkavi loans. However, in the case of loans to Harijans, certain concessions are allowed to them in the matter of rate of interest, number of instalments of repayment and security to be offered.

Apart from the loans granted under the Act, Harijans are also eligible for credit facilities afforded through the Land Mortgage Banks and other Co-operative institutions as any other members of such institutions.

(அ) & (ஆ): விவசாயத்துக்கு ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கென்று பிரத்தியேகமாக எந்தக் கடன்களும் கொடுக்கப்படுவதில்லை. நில அபிவிருத்தி சட்டத்தின் கீழும், விவசாயக் கடன்கள் சட்டத்தின் கீழும் அவற்றிலுள்ள நிபந்தனைக்குட்பட்டு விவசாயிகளுக்கு கடன்கள் கொடுக்கப்படுகின்றன. இவை தக்காவி கடன்களாகும். மற்றெல்லா விவசாயிகளைப் போலவே, ஹரிஜனங்களும் எல்லா வகை தக்காவி கடன்களையும் பெறுவார்கள். என்றாலும், ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு கொடுக்கப்படும் கடன்களைப் பொறுத்தவரையில் வட்டி விகிதம், கடன்களைச் செலுத்தும் தவணைகள் ஈடுகாட்ட வேண்டிய சொத்து ஆகியவை சம்பந்தமாய் சில சலுகைகள் கொடுக்கப்படுகின்றன.

இச்சட்டங்களின் கீழ் கொடுக்கப்படுகிற கடன்களைத் தவிர, நில அடமான பாங்குகள் மற்ற கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் மூலமாகக் கிடைக்கும் கடன் வசதிகளை அந்தச் சங்கங்களின் மற்ற அங்கத்தினர்களைப் போலவே ஹரிஜனங்களும் பெறலாம்.

*Soil Conservation*

89 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the soil conservation work has been carried on in South Arcot district;

(*b*) the procedure adopted for such work;

(*c*) whether these works are done with the consent of land owners concerned;

(*d*) whether any instance where the Department has done the work without the consent of the land owner has been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*e*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *and* (*c*) The works are executed after obtaining consent statements from the ryots.

(*d*) About fourteen cases were reported to Government.

(*e*) The Soil conservation staff have been instructed to avoid such occurrences of cases.